Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 15, 1884.

The City Council met in the City Hall Present—Mayor Hyman (in the chair), Aldermen Becher, Stringer, Hewitt, Skinner, Cowan, O'Meara, Birrell, Labatt, Niven, Beattie and Scarrow.

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From Walter J. Smith, Anson Paul, G. G. Magee, Ellen Fletcher, Elizabeth Kennedy, John Christie, W. F. Bullen, Mrs. Davidson, T. H. Brunton, T. Barlow, Dr. Soper, J. Parke, G. W. Marsh, W. A. Smith, Enoch Murphy, John Parke, Joshua Garrett, James Harding, George Orchard, Harriet May, and Andrew Fletcher.—*Re* taxes. No. 1.

From Alex. McIntosh, J. H. Belton, R. A. Wallace and Dr. Eccles.—*Re* Sewer Rate No. 1.

From Dr. Jones—*Re* poor patient. No. 3.

From Charles R. Colville—*Re* street watering. No. 1.

From Francis Robinson—Stating his inability to act as returning officer for the second division of No. 3 Ward. No. 1.

From John Scanlan—Offering his farm, north half of lot No. 9, concession "C" of London Gore, for exhibition purposes—40 acres for $400 per acre, and any further land at $300 per acre. No. 1.

From D. H. Tennant—Complaining of a defective sidewalk on Queen's avenue, and claiming damages for an accident caused by the same. No. 2.

From Philip Hoskin—Calling attention to the condition of the road at the corner of Maitland and South streets, and asking that the same be repaired. No. 2.

From W. E. Hiscott—Asking for remission of the fee charged for use of the City Hall at the McGregor benefit concert. Granted.

From James Kennedy and six others—Asking that the tile drain to be constructed from Horton to Wellington be connected with the Wellington street sewer; also praying that the tile drain be not constructed from Clarence to Richmond, on Gray street. No. 2.

From the Women's Christian Association—Asking for a grant towards the purposes of the society. No. 1.

From Isaiah Danks, Secretary of the Water-works, submitting estimate of water mains requiring to be laid to complete the system, and asking the Council to take into consideration the advisability of providing funds for those which will be soonest required. No. 1.

From the Bradstreet Co., asking for certain information. Clerk.

From Prof. Box Brown, for use of the City Hall, on December 23rd, on payment of $5. Granted for such day as it may not be engaged.

From J. Harwood—*Re* dog tax. No. 1.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hewitt, Chairman:—

1.—Recommend that the word "American," be struck out of the resolution passed by your committee on 1st November last.

2.—That in future contractors for tile sewers may not be debarred from using Canadian, the tile piping to be inspected and approved by the City Engineer before being laid.

3.—A petition from the Molecular Telephone Co., of Canada, to put down poles, is referred to the Council.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause.

Clause 1 and 2, read and adopted.

On clause 3, read.

A communication from the Moleculer Telephone Company was read.

Ald. Beattie moved that the matter be referred back to No. 2 Committee with power; Ald. Hewitt seconded.

Upon motion, a deputation was heard on behalf of the Company, and also from the Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. George Dutton explained the intentions of the Molecular Company.

Mr. Throop, on behalf of the Bell Company, stated that they did not object to the putting up of the poles, but did not want them on the same side of the street as their wires or to cross under them.

In amendment, Ald. Birrell then moved that the desired permission be granted, and that the matter of arranging the details be referred to No. 2 Committee. Ald. Skinner seconded.